

Table 1
1977 Age-adjusted Death Rates and Percent Changes Since 1973
Race-sex Groups, United States and North Carolina

Underlying Cause	Deaths per 100,000 Population				Percent Change Since 1973*											
	White		Nonwhite		White		Nonwhite									
	U.S.	N.C.	U.S.	N.C.	U.S.	N.C.	U.S.	N.C.								
All Causes	781.5	862.2	427.8	417.8	1045.9	1212.3	621.3	640.1	-10.6	-9.8	-11.6	-13.6	-13.3	-11.4	-15.9	-19.8
Heart Disease	294.0	337.3	137.2	132.1	297.8	364.3	188.7	192.9	-13.0	-11.1	-14.4	-16.2	-13.6	-10.1	-16.4	-20.5
Hypertension	1.6	1.8	1.1	1.2	4.6	8.2	3.6	5.4	-33.3	-37.9	-26.7	-36.8	-35.2	-30.5	-39.0	-29.9
Stroke	50.5	63.4	41.5	48.8	79.8	110.2	68.0	83.4	-23.8	-22.0	-23.9	-25.8	-25.2	-27.3	-27.5	-33.0
Arteriosclerosis	7.2	7.5	5.5	5.4	6.4	8.8	5.1	7.6	-20.0	-19.4	-23.6	-25.0	-24.7	-23.5	-29.2	-22.4
Cancer	160.0	159.2	108.3	97.4	205.4	212.7	122.4	114.3	+2.4	+5.7	+1.4	+3.7	+4.8	+8.9	-1.5	-6.8
Diabetes	9.8	10.0	9.0	9.4	16.3	16.2	22.0	24.0	-18.3	-23.1	-22.4	-6.0	-22.7	-31.6	-23.1	-16.1
Influenza/Pneumonia	18.1	22.0	9.8	11.0	29.6	34.9	14.0	14.9	-26.4	-20.6	-30.0	-23.1	-30.0	-26.4	-37.8	-36.1
Chronic Obstructive Lung Disease	NA	30.8	NA	7.2	NA	17.5	NA	2.1	NA	+11.6	NA	+16.1	NA	+18.2	NA	-56.3
Cirrhosis of Liver	16.7	15.8	7.5	6.3	31.4	31.1	15.0	16.8	-13.5	-12.2	-13.8	-24.1	-7.4	+2.0	-16.7	-28.8
Nephritis/Nephrosis	2.8	3.6	1.6	2.3	9.0	14.3	7.4	9.5	-6.7	-10.0	-11.1	+9.5	-10.9	+43.0	-12.9	+13.1
Motor Vehicle Accidents	33.2	34.9	12.2	13.2	35.8	57.6	9.9	10.3	-13.5	-25.4	-12.9	-18.5	-25.1	-32.6	-31.3	-52.8
Other Accidents	30.0	36.5	10.6	10.8	48.7	69.5	15.9	23.5	-14.8	-12.0	-14.5	-15.6	-17.5	-9.9	-15.4	+0.4
Suicide	20.6	23.6	7.2	7.5	12.6	11.9	3.7	2.4	+10.2	-7.8	+1.4	+5.6	+8.6	-5.6	+12.1	+100.0
Homicide	8.8	11.5	2.9	3.5	60.1	46.8	12.5	12.6	+1.1	-18.4	+3.6	-18.6	-22.0	-41.4	-21.9	-28.8

*Percent change based on rate significant to one decimal place. NA - Not available.